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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

TSD Requirement for ASTIA Support SUBJECT:

In order to acquire background knowledge of the Armed Services Technical Information Agency (ASTIA), I contacted Captain Burns W. Spore, Office of Special Operations, Office of Secretary of Defense, on 10 April 1961. Captain Spore had very little know-ledge of the organization, but advised me that Mr. of CIA (Liaison Branch, Liaison Collection Division, Office of Central Reference) normally accomplishes liaison with ASTIA.

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has occasional contacts with ASTIA, Although Mr. 2. Chief of the he in turn referred me to a Mr. processes all requests Circulation Branch, CIA Library. Mr. for publications from the Agency to ASTIA.

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established that ASTIA pub-A discussion with Mr. lishes twice monthly the Technical Abstract Bulletin. This bulletin lists military contracts and research reports which have been completed for the military services. TSD receives two copies of the established that Technical Abstract Bulletin. Further, Mr. TSD is already a heavy user of ASTIA reports. This information limits the problem contained in the TSD memorandum to a determination of whether ASTIA classified reports can be released to Agency contractors. Currently, it appears that distribution of these reports should be governed by the same security criteria as any classified document received from the military services, i.e., once in Agency custody, it is incumbent upon the Agency to safeguard the information in accordance with its classification.

Due to the nature of the ASTIA organization, it seems advisable, however, to further investigate whether this assumption is true and to determine whether special handling of ASTIA reports furnished me with the name of Franklin E. is required. Mr. Jordan, Chief, Public Relations, ASTIA. After determining that Mr. Jordan is a cleared contact through Agency security, I propose to confer with him in order to determine the requirement for special handling of ASTIA reports.

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